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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.

Project No. 3452-017

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission and Soliciting Additional

Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for

Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License
- b. Project No.: 3452-017
- c. Date Filed: June 28, 2019
- d. Applicant: Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.

- e. Name of Project: Oak Orchard Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located adjacent to the New York State Canal Corporation's barge canal in the Village of Medina, Orleans County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal lands.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) 825 (r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Steven P. Murphy, Director, U.S. Licensing, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., 33 West 1st Street South, Fulton, NY 13069; (315) 598-6130; email steven.murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com
- i. FERC Contact: Laurie Bauer at (202) 502-6519; or e-mail at laurie.bauer@ferc.gov
- j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study

should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

1. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: August 27, 2019.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-3452-017.

- m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- n. The Oak Orchard Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a concrete gravity dam containing a spillway with a crest elevation of 507.6 feet mean sea level (msl) surmounted by 2-foot-high flashboards and two 5-foot-high, 5-foot-wide flood gates; (2) a forebay with a surface area of 0.25 acres and a storage capacity of 3 acre-feet

at the normal pool elevation of 509.6 feet msl; (3) an intake structure with trashracks; (4) a 7-foot-diameter, 85-foot-long welded steel penstock from the intake to the turbine; (5) a 20-foot-long, 43-foot-wide powerhouse containing a single turbine-generator unit with a rated capacity of 350 kilowatts; (6) a tailrace located on the left (west) bank of Oak Orchard Creek; (7) a 55-foot-long underground generation lead; (8) three single-phase 167 kilovolt-ampere pole-mounted power transformers; (9) a 400-foot-long access road; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The Oak Orchard Project is operated in a run-of-river mode with an average annual generation of 1,147 megawatt-hours between 2009 and 2018.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)

August 2019

Request Additional Information August 2019

Issue Acceptance Letter November 2019

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments December 2019

Request Additional Information (if necessary) February 2020

Issue Scoping Document 2 March 2020

Issue notice of ready for environmental analysis March 2020

Commission issues EA September 2020

Comments on EA October 2020

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

DATED: July 10, 2019

Deputy Secretary.

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